

OFFSHORE DRILLING: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled, "Offshore Drilling: Environmental and Commercial Perspectives." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 854, amended, Over-Classification Reduction Act; H. Res. 18, To recognize the life, achievements and contributions of Paul Newman; H. Res. 83, To recognize the significance of Black History Month, which is commemorated annually during the month of February; H. Res. 47, To express support for the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is commemorated annually on May 15th; H. Res. 110, To congratulate the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII (43) and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record 6th Super Bowl title; H. Res. 112, To express support for the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day; H.R. 516, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 663, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building;" H. Res. 139, Commemorating the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial of his birth; and H.R. 131, amended, Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act.

Prior to this action, the Committee met for organizational purposes. The Committee also approved its Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of February 13, 2009. The rule also provides that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules pursuant to the resolution.

The resolution also provides that H. Res. 10 is amended to change the hour of daily meeting of the House to 9 a.m. for Fridays and Saturdays.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 7–3, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of February 13, 2009, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure relating to H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Electronic Waste: Investing in Research and Innovation to Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SBA ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The State of SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs and Their Role in Promoting an Economic Recovery." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT BIDDING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Competitive Bidding on Small Businesses in the Durable Medical Equipment Community." Testimony was heard from Laurence D. Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare and Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Thompson of California; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nancy LoBue, Acting Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

GSA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY ROLE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on